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1. [] Brought to Congressman Stratton the three articles supplied by Sherman Kent. Since the Congressman did not have sufficient time to read all the material, I brought back with me those pages earlier pointed out by Mr. Kent as being particularly sensitive. The reading the Congressman was able to accomplish during my presence pleased him greatly and he said it was splendid. He is storing the articles in his office safe and will call me when he is through with them so that I may pick them up.

The Congressman again expressed his pleasure over the breakfast at the Agency. He brought up Mr. McCone's briefing of the Armed Services Committee this morning and said that Mr. McCone had done a really fine job. He indicated that, while Mr. Vinson felt that Agency business was not a matter in which the full Armed Services Committee should become involved, Mr. Rivers has other thoughts and the Congressman felt this was all to the good.

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2. [] Talked with Mr. David McFall, Administrative Assistant for Freshman Congressman Lee Hamilton (D., Ind.). An important Republican constituent of the Congressman who fought him hard during the last election had written him from Japan questioning the activities of the Agency in view of Senator Fulbright's comments after Mr. McCone's 26 January briefing of Senate Foreign Relations Committee, which was followed by a coup on the next day. Mr. McFall said that since the Congressman was a member of the Foreign Relations Committee, he felt particularly sensitive to the letter he had received. At this juncture, I extended an invitation to have the Congressman come out to the Agency for breakfast or lunch to get better acquainted. Mr. McFall didn't commit himself on the invitation and I intend to follow up.

After it was explained that the Agency does not, as a matter of policy, either defend or praise itself and that Senator Fulbright and not Mr. McCone had made the comment which was at issue, I gave Mr. McFall a copy of the UPI ticker which carried a clarification by the Senator that in making his comment about no imminent coup, he was speaking for himself. I

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25X1 2. [] suggested to Mr. McFall that he may wish to call Senator Fulbright's office. Mr. McFall recognized the Agency's "no comment" policy as a good thing and made a somewhat derogatory comment about the wisdom of anyone making comments after they have come out of an executive and secret briefing. Mr. McFall feels he will play a large role for the Congressman in the field of foreign affairs.

25X1 3. [] Met with Mr. Orville Watkins, Assistant to Congressman Santiago Polanco-Abreu, and was advised that Mr. Polanco will not be able to meet with us as he desired during the coming week. I am to check with Mr. Watkins again next week. []

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25X1 4. [] Met with Mr. Samuel Freedman, Capital Reporting Company, and advised him concerning the security requirements in the handling of the tapes, waste material, and transcripts of the Director's briefing of the full House Armed Services Committee today and possibly tomorrow. Although Mr. Freedman was not pleased that such security requirements be imposed, he was most courteous, as were his assistants, in dealing with Agency people during the day.

25X1 5. [] Met with Mr. Robert Michaels, who advised that, together with Mr. Sprankie, Chief Clerk, House Appropriations Committee, the meeting has been scheduled for tomorrow morning at 9:30 with Boyd Crawford, House Foreign Relations Committee, concerning the application of the foreign currency provision set forth in P.L. 88-633, which is the subject matter of a letter to the Director from Representative Moss of the House Government Operations Committee. Some guidance is desired from the Appropriations Committee Chairman before response is made by the Director to Mr. Moss.

25X1 6. [] The Director appeared before the full House Armed Services Committee and a transcript was taken. See Memorandum for the Record for further details.

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